PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) There is no policy for centralied allotment of raw materials to individual States.

(b) and (c) In order to promote industrialisation, including small scale and rural industries in the North Eastern region, including Manipur, Government has extended the Transport Subsidy Scheme for a further period of seven years, i.e. upto 31st March, 2007. Under the Scheme, subsidy is provided on transportation of raw materials and finished goods to and from the designated rail head/port upto the location of industrial units in that region.

Women Entrepreneurs in Industrial Sector

1668. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of women entrepreneurs are working in different States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken to encourage the women entrepreneurs to start more industries;

(d) the steps taken to find solutions to their problems; and

(e) whether Government have discussed the issue of women entrepreneurs with State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State-wise break up of women entrepreneurs, as per the Report of the Second All India Census (1987-88) of Registered Small Scale Industries given in the Statement (*See* below)

(c) to (e) Government have taken several measures to encourage women entrepreneurs to set up small scale and micro enterprises. These, inter alia, include equity assistance under Mahila Udyam Nidhi Scheme operated by SIDBI, Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development programe for developing and promoting entrepreneurship amongst women, EDPs specially designed for women entrepreneurs, micro credit scheme of SIDBI for promotion of rural enterprises (beneficiaries covered being mostly women), age relaxation under Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana Scheme and Marketing Development Fund for women entrepreneurs set up by SIDBI. The various initiatives taken by the Government in this area are an outcome of consultations held with and feedback received from various quarters, including State Goyernments.

Statement

Number of Women Entrepreneurs as per reprot of second All India Census of registered Small Scale Industries 1987-88

Sr. No.	Name of the State/Union Territory	Women Entrepreneurs
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2322
2.	Assam	218
3.	Bihar	1124
4.	Gujarat	5225
5.	Haryana	1290
6.	Himachal Pradesh	592
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	291
8.	Karnataka	2237
9.	Kerala	3542
10.	Madhya Pradesh	4943
		4260

(1)	(2)	(3)
11.	Maharashtra	
12.	Manipur	417
13.	Meghalaya	170
14.	Nagland	3
15.	Orissa	573
16.	Punjab	1515
17.	Rajasthan	1074
18.	Tamil Nadu	7420
19.	Tripura	43
20.	Uttar Pradesh	2406
21.	West Bengal	1942
22.	Sikkim	9
23.	Andaman & Nicobar	24
24.	Arunachal Pradesh	40
25.	Chandigarh	191
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	39
27.	Delhi	1964
28.	Goa	414
29.	Lakshadweep	—
30.	Mizoram	275
31.	Pondicherry	180
32.	Daman & Diu	16
	ALL INDIA	44759

Compassionate appointments in SISI, New Delhi

1669. SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of wards of deceased employees of Small Industry Service Institute, Okhla, Delhi who were not given compassionate ground appointments on the ground of minority or age during the last five years;

(b) how many of them have been given employment after attaining majority;